

ORCHARD PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

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February 2014

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

January seemed like a short month and Mother Nature robbed us of a few days. Report cards and assessment is key for everyone right now. Students are busy making sure assignments are completed and handed in so teachers can write wonderful things.

Report cards go home February 20, 2014!

Dates to Remember

Feb 3 - School Council Meeting @6:30

Feb 5 - 7 - Book Fair

Feb 17 - Family Day (holiday)

Feb 18 - Food Orders Due

Feb 20 - Reports go home

Feb 26 - Spirit Day - Pink Anti-bullying

Dental Screening April 8 & 9, 2014

KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE

All visitors and volunteers coming into our school must sign in at the front office. Our job is to keep our students safe. Please do not come into the school to wait for your children at the end of the day. When we have parents and strollers in the hall while children are getting ready, it can become quite congested. If the fire alarm goes off, this can be a tremendous safety issue. Thank you.

FLU SEASON IS BACK

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is reporting that influenza cases are at the seasonal average in our area. Like a cold, influenza will cause coughing and runny nose, but symptoms also include headaches, high fever, weakness, body aches and extreme fatigue – and it can last for many more days than a common



cold. For vulnerable people, such as young children, the elderly and people with compromised immune systems, it can weaken the body, allowing secondary infections such as pneumonia. To help prevent getting the flu and prevent it from spreading, take the following precautions:

- Wash your hands often with warm soapy water, especially after coughing and sneezing, before eating, and after using the washroom

- Take good care of yourself by eating healthy foods, getting plenty of sleep and staying active
- Consider getting a flu shot at your local pharmacy (where available)
- For more information, visit the Health Unit's website at:

<http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/Immunization/flu/stayinghealthy.aspx>.

DENTAL SCREENING

Dental Screening originally scheduled for January 27 & 28th, 2014 has been changed to April 8 & 9,



2014. They will be screening children in JK, SK, Grades 2 and 8. Individual children from other grades may be seen as well. For more information about this or other oral health programs offered by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, please call 705-721-7520 x 8804 or call toll free at 1-877-721-7520.

SAFE ARRIVAL - PLEASE CALL

Our Safe Arrival Program is vital to the safety of all of our students. Please remember to call the Safe Arrival Line if your child will be late or absent from school. To report an absence or late arrival, call the school (705) 325-7772 and press 1 to leave a message. Include the student's name, teacher, reason for absence and expected date of return in your message. This service is available 24 hours a day for your convenience. If your child is absent and no message has been left with Safe Arrival, parents, guardians and emergency contacts will be called until we reach someone who can verify your child's absence.

On bus cancellation days, for students who are bused, the school does not call home. It is assumed that the student didn't attend because of the bus cancellations. For students who walk, the school will call home if they don't receive a call from the parent. In both these cases the



absence will be marked as 'G' (General Absence day), and it won't affect attendance records. Please use this necessary tool to ensure the safety of our students.

Remember that we are the North Simcoe County Weather Zone. Updated information of buses will be announced over the local radio stations: **KICX105.9, SUNSHINE 89.1, ROCK 95, CHAY 101, LIFE 100.3 and THE DOCK 104.1.**

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2010? If so, it's time to register them for Kindergarten in the Simcoe County District School Board! Beginning on January 27, 2014, Simcoe County's public schools are registering children for Junior and Senior Kindergarten classes for the 2014-15 school year. Contact your local public school for registration information. As of the 2014-2015 school year, ALL schools will offer full-day, every day Kindergarten. For more information, visit:

<http://www.scdsb.on.ca/Programs/Kindergarten/Pages/Kindergarten.aspx>.

Registration can be done in the school office during the day. You will be required to bring **proof of birth, immunization record and proof of address**. To be eligible for attendance a pupil must be 4 years of age by **December 31, 2014**. During recent years there has been an increase in the number of situations where parents do not have appropriate documentation to register students in our schools. Land Registry offices no longer offer same day service for the processing of birth certificate applications. Presently, birth certificate applications take approximately 6 - 8 weeks to be processed in Thunder Bay. Encourage parents who are registering their kindergarten children to start the process now to obtain a birth certificate in time for the 2014-2015 school year.

The Board standard for acceptable documentation for proof of age for new kindergarten students will include any of the following:

- Canadian Birth Certificate
- Canadian Passport
- Certificate of Canadian Citizenship
- Canadian Certificate of Registration of Birth Abroad
- Confirmation of Permanent Resident document
- Permanent Resident Card/Record of Landing (IMM 1000)
- First Nation Status Card
- Statement of Live Birth (long version with seal)
- Current Canada Immigration and Citizenship documentation (not visitor visa) – contact Newcomer Welcome Centre, 725-8360 ext. 304 for more information.



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The Simcoe County District School Board will offer care for children in schools before and after the regular school day, as well as full days when children are not in school if enough families require care.

To help the board determine the needs of each school, a survey will be sent home with students in kindergarten to grade 6. Even though our school currently offers a Before and After School program, the board would like your feedback about the program being delivered to confirm its meeting your needs.

Please be sure to fill out the survey and return it to your school by **Monday, February 17, 2014**.

Notice will be sent to you in April 2014 advising if a Before and After School Care Program will continue to be available at our school.

SCSTC IS NOW ON TWITTER

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) recently announced that school vehicle cancellations are now available via Twitter. Simcoe County students and parents can follow @SCSTC_SchoolBus for timely updates on school vehicle cancellations.

With the winter weather season in full swing, everyone is also reminded that this information can also be found on the SCSTC website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Efforts are made to post and announce school vehicle cancellations between 6 and 6:30 a.m. on the SCSTC website (www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca) and via Twitter @SCSTC_SchoolBus.

FINAL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our final, Scholastic Book Fair will take place between Feb. 5-7. It should be understood that some of the titles will be repeats of the ones on our previous book fair in September. Although there will be **no night viewing of the fair**, as there was in September, you are welcome to visit our second book fair to purchase books for your child during the school day on Feb. 6 between 9 -3:00 or Feb. 7 between 9- 10:30 a.m. Students in grades 1-8 may purchase books on Thursday, Feb. 6 and Friday, Feb. 7 during periods one and two. Proceeds from this book fair will be used to purchase materials for the library, provide special library programs and author visits.



ATTENTION GRADE 8 PARENTS

Planning has begun for year-end activities. Information has been sent home with grade 8 students to participate in a year-end field trip. As a fundraising option you may choose to participate in selling chocolates for Valentine's Day. Please send a signed dated note to school with your child indicating your interest in this fundraising initiative.

MARCH FOOD ORDERS

Due Back FEBRUARY 18th

FEBRUARY ASSEMBLY AND SPIRIT DAY

We will be holding our next spirit day on Thursday, Feb. 26. Our theme will be Anti-Bullying Character day. Students can dress in pink clothes or accessories. Any students dressed, or accessorised in pink will earn house points. Gr. 6-8 students will also earn credit towards their activity points.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

We are in need of a few more volunteers to help in the kitchen for hot dog days or to fill snack bowls. If you are able to give us a couple of hours a week, can you please contact the school office as soon as possible.

SCDSB ANNUAL REPORT

The SCDSB Annual Report provides highlights from the 2012-13 school year. There's so much to celebrate in our schools and school board. You can read about some of the highlights of the 2012-13 school year in our annual report at www.scdsb.on.ca/annualreport.

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Join the conversation: Follow us on Twitter @scdsb_schools and 'Like' Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) on Facebook.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS AND LEGAL CUSTODIANS OF STUDENTS REGARDING OUT OF AREA REQUESTS

Under the Simcoe County District School Board procedures (APM A7000), it is possible for students to apply for and receive permission to attend an out-of-attendance-area school.

Students will be permitted to continue in attendance as long as space is available. They may be required to return to their home school or transfer to another school when the capacity of the school they are attending has been reached and space is required for students residing within the attendance areas. Even with this permission, however, the responsibility for transportation to and from school is borne by the out-of-attendance-area student and/or parent/guardian.

Orillia Winter Carnival Feb. 28 - Mar. 2.

Fireworks, Helicopter rides, Outdoor Adult Dance, Public Skating, Snow Sculptures, Polar Bear Dip, KenJen Petting Zoo, Horse and Sleigh Rides, Mini Snowmobile Rides, Ice Fishing, Skydiving, Food Tent, Midway, Chili Cook-off..



Simcoe County District School Board

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January 24, 2014

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The Simcoe County District School Board welcomes your child to our Kindergarten program. This is an exciting time for both parent and child. The school your child will be attending is part of the new provincial Early Learning Program which means your child will attend Kindergarten on a full time basis, everyday. This approach to early learning offers children an enriched learning environment designed to help them develop the social, emotional, academic and physical skills that provide a good foundation for success in school and in life.

As part of the Early Learning Program, YMCA of Simcoe Muskoka is currently operating a Before and After School Care Program in your child's school. In order to determine if enrolment numbers for this program in September meet the minimum requirement, you are being asked to complete the attached survey asking about your extended day needs.

If you require Before and After School Care, please ensure you fill out the survey and return it to your school office no later than February 17, 2014. You can also mail completed surveys to Lynn Wright, Research Analyst, Simcoe County District School Board, 1170 Highway 26, Midhurst, ON L0L 1X0.

Yours truly,

Paula Murphy
Superintendent of Education – Area 3A
Simcoe County District School Board
705-734-6363, Extension 11811

YMCA OF SIMCOE/MUSKOKA
Before and After School Program

In partnership with the Simcoe County District School Board, the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka is currently assessing the enrolment numbers for our licensed Before and After School Care program at
Orchard Park Public School

To let us know you are interested in registering for the program in September

Call 705.326.6091 or complete the section below and return to your child's teacher by

Monday, February 17, 2014.

Needs Survey, Orchard Park Public School

I would require care for _____ child(ren) in September, 2014. Children's ages _____

When would you require care? <i>Please check all that</i>	Mon (V)	Tues (V)	Wed (V)	Thurs (v)	Fri (v)	Full Day Program
Before School						Are you interested In full day programs (7am to 6pm) for any of the following non-instructional days at a fee of \$33.50/day? <i>Please check all that apply.</i> <input type="radio"/> Professional Development Day <input type="radio"/> Winter Break <input type="radio"/> March Break <input type="radio"/> Summer Holidays
After School						
What would be the earliest time you would require care before school?						
Please circle one	6:00am	6:30am	7:00am	7:30am	8:00am	
What would be the latest time you would require care after school?						
Please circle one	4:30pm	5:00pm	5:30pm	6:00pm	6:30pm	

2014/15 Fees: Before School Care \$9.25/day After School Care \$13.50/day Before and after School Care 18.50/day

•subject to change

Parent's Name: _____

Work Phone: _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone: _____

Mailing Address _____ Email Address: _____

*Statistical information on number of families interested in schoolcare will be shared with SCOSB. Your name and contact information will be confidential and used to administer the Before and After School Care Program.